World Bank loans to North-Eastern States

*374. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have made new commitments during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) how many of them belong to the North-Eastern States, alongwith the name of the States; and

(c) the percentage of the amount credited in the rural areas over their total amount of lending?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) During the FY 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 World Bank and Asian Development Bank have made new commitments for 45 projects in India, out of which five projects have been approved for Assam and three are Central Sector projects covering all the States including North Eastern States.

(c) The rural component in every project is different depending upon the nature and size of the project, and varies over the implementation period of each project.

Independent agency to prevent adulteration of petroleum products

*375. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to hand over the entire work of detection and prevention of fuel adulteration to an independent agency *i.e.* Bureau of Indian Standard, Central Pollution Control Board etc. independent of the oil PSUs, and the Ministry in view of the rampant adulteration in motor fuel and lubricants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to hand over the entire work of detection and prevention of fuel adulteration to an independent agency. However, under the Control Orders issued by the Government to prevent fuel adulteration, under the